GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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ONGC RESTRICTIONS ON FISHERMEN
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether ONGC is not allowing fishermen to fish in the five kilometer area of Mumbai High ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ;

(c) whether a meeting was called between the fishermen`s Association and the ONGC to iron out their differences; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the outcome of the meeting ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLUEM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. However Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) is restricting the entry of fishing boats around the five hundred meters of oil installations for the security of oil installations and safety of fishermen.

(c) & (d): A meeting was held on 15th February, 2003 at ONGC`s regional headquarter at Mumbai and a Coordination Committee, comprising representatives of Maharashtra Machhimar Kruti Samiti, ONGC, Offshore Defence Advisory Group (ODAG), Coas Guard, Customs, State Police and State Fisheries Department, has been constituted to look into the demands of the fishermen.